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SECURITY TO PREVENT DIGITAL SIGNATURE FORGERY**

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AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 25, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks.

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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

Claims 1-6, 9-14, 17-25, 28-34 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chan et al. In the "Response to Arguments" section of the final office action, and in the main rejection section of the office action, it appears that the claim language may have been misapprehended along with the teachings in Chan. For example, Applicant claims a method for providing information security in connection with messages that are communicated. The messages also have a public key certificate associated therewith as noted in the claims. For example, with email messages, the invention, among other advantages, can allow for the use of